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1. On 17 January 1952, there was flying by jet fighters at Marseburg airfield. At 10 a.m., two jet fighters took off in rapid succession and landed about 20 minutes later. Two other jet fighters took off at 10:30 a.m. and landed at about 10:45 a.m. Flying was discontinued at 11:30 a.m. because of poor visibility. Six other jet fighters were observed near two open hangars. (1) Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 18 January, there was flying by one jet fighter which circled the field and remained aloft for 10 to 15 minutes.
2. A radio installation with four masts was located east of the field. (2) Two hundred to 300 meters west of this installation there was a radio truck with a 4-meter mast having a corona-shaped steel device at its top. A board fence 2 meters high was being erected along the border of the field on Lauchstaedter Strasse. (3) Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were laying telephone lines around the field.
3. During the period from 15 to 20 January, flying was observed at the field only on 17 and 18 January. At 11 a.m. on 20 January, nine MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks under their wings landed at the field. They approached from the east. The fuel tanks were fitted about 2 meters from the wing tips and projected beyond the leading edges of the wings. The aircraft were the same type as those stationed at the field. Sixteen planes were parked there. (4) were observed entering and leaving the field.

Comments.

- (1) According to previous reports, the fighter regiment at Marseburg airfield which is being activated is equipped with seven MiG-15s. This information indicates that there are at least eight MiG-15s assuming that the two jet fighters which took off at different times were the same.
- (2) For pinpoint location of Adcock DF station which was furnished by another source.

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- (3) The construction of a board fence around Marseburg airfield is reported for the first time. The erection of such fences has been reported from several airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany, and it appears that this security measure has been ordered for all airfields in the zone.
- (4) The arrival of more MIG-15s is credible because of the anticipated gradual reactivation of the new fighter regiment.

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